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PRESIDENT OBAMA’S FIRST 100 DAYS DISCUSSED
AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

PHILADELPHIA, PA (April 6, 2009) – Since Franklin Delano Roosevelt guided fifteen pieces of legislation through Congress in the first three months of his administration, expectations have risen for the first 100 days of every presidential administration. As this time period draws to a close for President Obama, New York Times Editorial Board member Adam Cohen, political strategist Stanley Greenberg, and Chief Political Correspondent for The Washington Examiner Byron York will join the National Constitution Center to reflect on the policy decisions and political maneuvers of his new administration on Monday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

Adam Cohen is assistant editorial page editor of The New York Times, where he has been a member of the Editorial Board since 2002. He was previously a senior writer at Time, and is the author of The Perfect Store: Inside eBay and a coauthor of American Pharaoh, a biography of Mayor Richard J. Daley. Also the author of Nothing to Fear: FDR’s Inner Circle and the Hundred Days that Created Modern America, Cohen will discuss the similarities between Presidents Roosevelt and Obama and the political environments in which each assumed the presidency.

Stanley B. Greenberg has served as a political consultant for several world leaders, including President Bill Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, South African President Nelson Mandela, and Britain’s Tony Blair. In his new book, Dispatches from the War Room: In the Trenches with Five Extraordinary Leaders, he takes readers on a fly-on-the-wall journey into the heart of these campaigns and behind the scenes as strategies and game-plans are worked and re-worked.

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Byron York is the Chief Political Correspondent for The Washington Examiner, a publication he joined in early 2009 following his work as White House correspondent for National Review magazine and a columnist for The Hill. He has written for the Atlantic Monthly, Wall Street Journal, Weekly Standard, and New York Post, among other publications. A frequent guest on television and radio, he has appeared on such programs as Meet the Press, The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, The O’Reilly Factor, Special Report with Brit Hume, and Hardball.

A book sale and signing will follow the program, courtesy of Joseph Fox Bookshop.

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